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SUMMARY. MESSAGE REPORTS CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS WHICH
INDICATE THAT ANTICIPATED PROGRESS (REF A) IN THE CONTINU-
ING EFFORT TO FIND A FINANCIAL SOLUTION TO PROVIDING
ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) SERVICES FOR NATO INTEGRATED AIR
DEFENSE SYSTEMS (NATINADS) TRAINING MAY RUN INTO DIFFICUL-
TY WITH FRG AND, POSSIBLY, ITALY. END SUMMARY.

1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
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THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO FIND A TECHNICAL/FINANCIAL SOLU-
TION TO PROVIDING EW SERVICES FOR NATINADS TRAINING. REF
MESSAGE INFORMED WASHINGTON THAT THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN
MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP (AC 296) MEETING WERE WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS.

2. THE GERMAN REP TO THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC)

(GERTZ), WHO HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT AT EITHER THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF 24 JUN 77 OR THE SUB-GROUP OF 27 JUN 77 (REF A), INFORMED THE US REP TO THE MBC (DENNEHY) DURING CORRIDOR DISCUSSION THAT HE WAS CERTAIN HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT APPROVE AN AD HOC SOLUTION TO PROVISION OF EW NATINADS TRAINING.

3. HE STATED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD ARGUE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE PARTICIPATING IN A COMMON FUNDED SOLUTION AND WOULD SIMPLY NOT AGREE TO ACCEPTING UK SELF-SERVICE AS AN EQUIVALENT CONTRIBUTION. HIS AUTHORITIES, HE SAID, WERE CONCERNED WITH THE INEVITABLE "ROT" WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE PRESENT FUNDING/FORMULA SYSTEM IF SUCH AD HOC SOLUTIONS WERE PERMITTED.

4. DURING LATER INFORMAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN US MBC REP AND ITALIAN MBC REP (MARTUCCI), THE LATTER STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE OF THE SAME MIND AS THE CANADIANS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD TAKE THE SAME APPROACH AS THE UK, SINCE IT COULD BE REASONED THAT ITALY'S EW ASSETS COULD BE "BARTERED" JUST AS THE UK HAD PROPOSED.

5. COMMENT: IT WOULD SEEM THAT WHAT HAD APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS MOVING NATO CLOSER TO THE INTRODUCTION OF EW NATINADS TRAINING MAY FLOUNDER DUE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CANADIAN, GERMAN AND, POSSIBLY, ITALIAN OBJECTIONS.
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